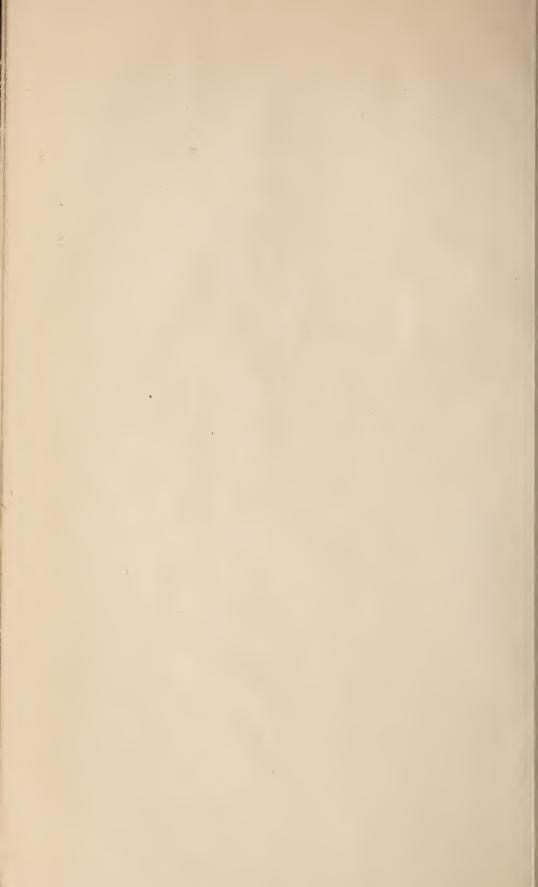
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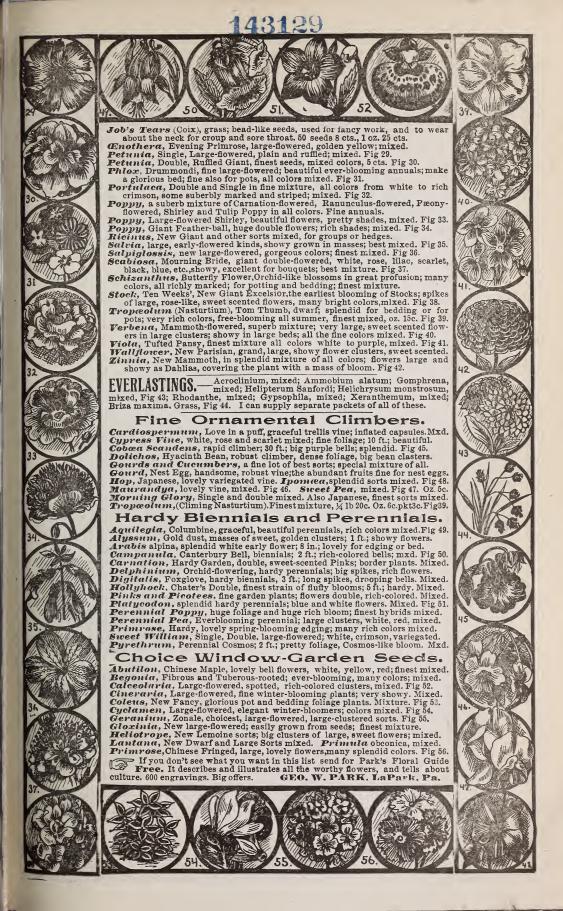
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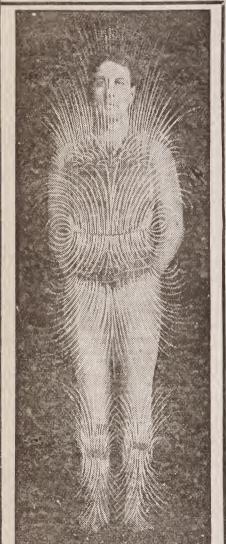


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### JANUARY.

January is bleak and wild,—
Dark and dull the days;
Lowering skies, with frost and snow,
Over all the ways.
And yet, some days the sun shines bright,
Bringing hope and cheer;
Bringing also in its train,
The New and Happy Year.
Lucretia Banks Zastre.

Norfolk Co., Mass., Dec. 12, 1908.

## THE BUTTERFLY FLOWER.

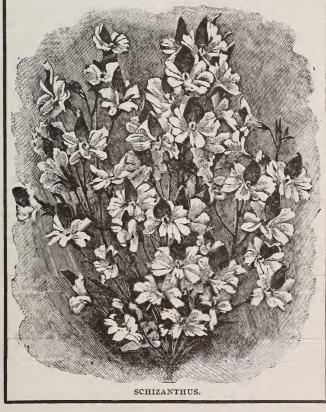
HE Schizanthus is generally known as Butterfly flower, because of its odd and

bright little blossoms with expanded wings, held aloft by slender stems, so that they appear like a cloud of butterflies hovering in the air. They are easily raised from seeds, and soon come into bloom, the flowers appearing in great profusion for many weeks. Thev are lovely in beds, though not so showy as many other annuals. In pots they are exceedingly handsome for the house, and if the plants are started in summer, that they are young

thrifty, and beginning to bloom by winter, they make a fine display in a sunny window throughout the dark winter months. There are a number of species, and of each there are many varieties, differing mostly in color. S. pinnatus, which grows two feet high, shows blue, white and rose-colored flowers, mostly beautifully spotted or tigered. S. Grahami, has large flowers, mostly shades of carmine, white and rose. S. retusus has also large flowers, and is a fine sort for pots, as well as S. grandiflorus, all showing the fine shades of red, also white, and in many instances strikingly variegated.

Of late years much attention has been given by German and English florists to improving the Schizanthus by hybridization, and the

showy and elegant hybrids of the grandiflorus section, a few sprigs of which are shown in the engraving, are especially to be commended. The plants of these hybrids are of the easiest culture. S. Wisetonensis. developed from S.retusus is dwarf, compact and pyramidal in form, and wonderfully freeblooming, the flowers being shades of white, pink and yellow, beautifully blended. It likes a rather cool temperature, and under favorable conditions is a very handsome and sat-



isfactory pot-plant, but not generally recommended for out-door culture, for which purpose the hybrids of Grandiflorus are preferred.

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

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## Circulation Bulletin.

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Blooming Calla. - Good, dry tubers of the Common Calla rarely fail to bloom satisfactorily if potted in rich, porous soil, setting the tuber an inch or more beneath the surface. To produce reliable tubers, a period of rest must be given during the summer or autumn. To give this rest, the florist who has his plants in pots, turns them on their side beneath the greenhouse bench, and they receive no water except the moisture taken from the damp, greenhouse atmosphere. who have winter-blooming Callas mostly turn their plants upon their side in a shady place at the north side of a wall or building, and let them so remain for five or six weeks, then take out and repot in new soil. By this means the large fleshy roots are not destroyed, but are ready to do service as soon as the tuber is repotted and the soil moistened.

Caladium Potting.— A complainant writes from Missouri, that her Caladium starts to rot every year below the ground, and the leaves turn yellow. She should water it sparingly until growth becomes active. After that there is no danger of watering too much, provided the drainage is good, and the plants are in a healthy condition.

**Corn Geranium.**—A species of Tradescantia with succulent, corn-like, reddish leaves, throwing up numerous shoots from the ground, is known as Corn Geranium. It is valuable chiefly for its foliage.

### **BIG CHRYSANTHEMUMS.**

O RAISE the enormous Chrysanthemum flowers seen at Chrysanthemum shows the plants are started from cuttings in winter, and shifted into larger pots as the roots develop. Keep each plant



confined to one stem, and never allow it to suffer for want of water. In summer the pots are set upon coal ashes in a shady place out-doors, and well cared for, occasionally applying liquid manure. In early autumn they are removed to the greenhouse, and encouraged to grow,

all side branches and buds being removed, and the substance of the plant thus thrown into the terminal bud. Good soil, increased pot-room, frequent applications of liquid fertilizer, pinching and training, partial shade and avoiding attacks of insects, drying winds and a dry atmosphere will generally produce satisfactory flowers.

Treatment of Geraniums.— Geraniums are easily grown, but require a good, well-drained fibrous soil and a sunny situation. For summer blooming get small plants early, and bed them out as soon as danger from frost is past. For winter-blooming get young plants of dwarf free-blooming habit, in early summer, shift into larger pots as they grow, keep the buds pinched out as they appear, and by winter you will have bushy, thrifty plants in five-inch pots, that, in a sunny window and rather warm temperature will bloom freely till spring.

Prayer Bean.—The Prayer Bean, Abrus præcatorius, is almost a weed in the sandy soil of Florida, and grows luxuriantly to a great height, blooming freely in summer, and showing its beautiful scarlet beans in winter. It rarely does well at the north, probably because the climate is not warm enough, or the soil is too tenacious and soggy, or perhaps both.

Grape Vines.—Ground bone applied to Grape Vines would not injure them. Bones treated with acid to dissolve them may. Be particular as to what preparation you use, and to be safe avoid applications too close to the roots of the vines, or in a liberal amount at a time.

**Dryden Geranium.**—This Geranium is not difficult to propagate or grow. A branch with a heel, placed in wet sand will soon form roots, when it should be planted in good, porous soil.

#### GOLDEN SACRED LILY.

HE true (so-called) Golden Sacred Lily is Polyanthus Narcissus, Soliel d'Or, which bears large clusters of golden flowers, and is similar in every other way to the Chinese Sacred Lily, which bears white flowers with a yellow cup. The bulbs are large, and can be grown in either water

them in a dish of pebbles and water. The bulbs should have their base close to the water, but not in it. To hold them firm on the pebbles, place larger smooth stones around them. Keep in a dark place till roots form, then



SACRED LILY.

remove gradually to the light. They can usually be brought into bloom in from four to six weeks. When the buds open keep in a cool temperature and out of the direct sun-rays. After blooming, the bulbs may be potted in soil and kept till spring, then bedded out. They will not bloom again in the house. By good culture other bulbs may be developed that will bloom in-doors, but usually the bulbs are of little value after blooming. Some florists send out Campernelle Jonquils as Yellow Sacred Lily. The bulbs are small, and the scapes bear but three or four flowers. They are not as handsome or satisfactory as the Polyanthus Narcissus, Soliel d'Or.

**Eupatorlum riparium.**—This is an easily-grown winter-blooming plant. The flowers are pure white, brush-like, in clusters on good stems, and are beautiful on the plant and fine for cutting. They thrive in sun or shade in rich soil, and bloom for a long time. The plants are easily propagated either from cuttings or seeds, and will begin blooming in February, or earlier, according to the time of starting or method of treatment.

Lady-Finger.— Mrs. Farthing, of Indiana, asks the name of Lady-finger, which looked like wild Smartweed, but grew from three to five feet high. It is possibly Polygonum Orientale, sometimes also called "Catails". It is a hardy annual, and when once introduced it will re-seed itself, but does not become troublesome.

Nitrate of Soda.— This is a valuable fertilizer for promoting the growth of stems and foliage. It is readily soluable in water. Use a small teaspoonful to a gallon of water, and apply twice a month in watering.

Ranunculus.—There are many species of Ranunculus, some with fibrous roots and some with tuberous roots. As a rule, get the tuberous-rooted plants in autumn, and the fibrous rooted in spring.

### STARTING SLIPS.

SLIP is a side branch taken from the stem by striping downward, and it takes with it, in separating, a portion of the old wood, which is called a heel. Branches thus taken are more certain to form roots than cuttings, and some plants can only be started in sand by taking slips or side branches with a heel. To start them use sharp clean sand, keeping it moderately wet. In inserting, punch a hole as deep as you wish the slip to go, and press the sand around after the slip is set. This prevents injury to the bark, which sometimes causes the slip to turn black in the sand. If a tumbler is turned over the slip at first for a while, it will be found beneflicial. Later it can be removed. Never let the sand dry out; it must be kept moist-almost wet, until the slip is rooted. When rooted take up carefully, shake the sand off, and pot in good, porous, well-drained soil.

Cactuses.—A lady in Georgia asks about her Cactuses. One is evidently Epipbyllum truncatum, the Christmas Cactus. It needs a sunny place, and plenty of water while growing and blooming, but do not keep the soil wet, as the roots are very sensitive to too much moisture. Another is a Mammillaria, and is generally called "Cat and Kittens". It blooms in summer, and should be kept rather dry in winter, and plunged out in a sunny place and kept watered during summer. Another plant she has is "Pin-cushion Cactus" possibly a species of Ecbino-cactus. It is a pot plant, requiring sandy soil, plenty of sun, and good drainage. It should be sparingly watered during its dormant period.

King of Blue-bottles.— The new Centaurea depressa, having broad foliage and light purple flowers several inches across, is known as King of Blue-bottles. The flowers are showy, and last well when cut. The seeds are large and black, crowned with a prominent tuft of black, soft bristles. They germinate readily, and the plants soon begin to bloom. It is a pretty and desirable annual.

Lilacs.—The common Lilac can be grown from seeds, but it is better to get small plants grown from root cuttings, as the seedlings will be longer in beginning to bloom. To bloom freely give the bush a sunny exposure, and prune off only the dead or sickly branches as soon as the flowers begin to fade, and apply phosphate and dig about the roots every spring.

**Orange Pest.**— A sister foom Marksville, La., sends a leaf of her Otaheite Orange, the under side of which is completely covered with an insect pest. She should get a sponge and wash the entire plant, leaves and branches with soap-suds as hot as the hand will bear. Three or four washings at intervals of three days will eradicate the pest.

# EDITORIAL LETTER.

THE REAL PROPERTY.

Y DEAR FRIENDS:—After breakfasting upon the boat the passengers gathered upon the deck with their grips and trappings, and while the air resounded with the music of the cornet band, they began to file down the long, narrow stairway arranged for exit to the street and Custom house. Our baggage having been inspected and tagged we boarded the waiting train and in an hour or two were in the quaint city of Bremen. Yes, quaint, but in many respects very interesting and beautiful. The buildings are mostly of brick, and peculiar in architecture in comparison with American cities. The dwellings are distinct not only in style, but very prominent were the plant decorations of even the most humble. Nearly all had porches in front covered with beautiful blooming vines, trained to show broad window-like openings, the sills holding boxes of pink and scarlet Geraniums, Petuuias and the like, with a border displaying masses of gracefully drooping Lobelia. The vines were mostly Wistaria, Clematis, and Prairie and Crimson Rambler Roses, gorgeous in their wealth of rich bloom. The house windows were filled with lovely foliage and blooming plants, and conservatories were decorated by vines and plants, the portable windows removed, and the central space inside used as a porch or summer house. I have never seen in any American city so much care and taste displayed in home decoration with plants and flowers. It was a pleasant surprise, and revealed to me that our city people have much to do in home decoration before they can emulate the brightness and beauty and cheer of the modern German city-home. The streets of Bremen are narrow, though cleanly, and the parks are tastefully laid out, with beautiful walks and drives, dense groups and rows of trees and shrubbery, elegant flower-beds artistically placed, deep, curved lakes of clear water, on which swans and ducks sported, the banks lined with massive-leaved plants and overhanging trees, and here and there steps leading down to the water, reminding one of the pictures of Pharaoh's daughter finding little Moses in the rushes. This picturesque scenery, with the beautiful, short-cropped green lawns adjacent, gave a charming effect as viewed by the arriving tourist. The city is pretty well covered with trolley lines, and the fares are about half what they are in our American cities. The conductors as a class, were noticeably genial and polite. There are some handsome modern buildings, and some very ancient and curious ones, with quaint statuary mossed or blackened by centuries of

After noon we left by train for Leipsic, Saxony. For some miles out, the surface of the country was similar to that of Bremen, but in time we came into rich farm land, every

rod tilled in the most thorough manner. There were no fences, and no herds of cattle to be seen, and the crops appeared in great long strips or patches—wheat and oats and lupins, clover and turnips. The wheat greatly predominated, and was a lovely golden brown, ready to harvest. The oats were a silvery green, the lupins in full bloom, a rich yellow, clover dark green, and turnips light green. As stated, these were cultivated in long strips more or less broad, and you can imagine the beautiful striped carpet in Nature's soft, rich colors with which the landscape was adorned. As far as the eye could reach on both sides of the car this great carpet appeared, interrupted only here and there by the narrow, well-made serpentine roads, lined with fruit or shade trees. Thousands and thousands of acres of ripened wheat were waving, and only occasionally a squad of harvesters were at work, for the weather was wet and unfavorable. And, do you know, all of that wheat, practically, had to be cut by hand. Not in one practically, had to be cut by hand. Not in one field did I see a reaper or binder. Cradles and rakes were used exclusively. The men cradled, and the women raked and bound the sheaves. Rapidly moving onward we occasionally passed beautiful artificial forests of pine and oak and a variety of other timber. At long intervals we would pass a partial grazing section, and sometimes come into a beet district, where hundreds of acres were devoted to beet-raising, evidently for making sugar. I was pleased to note that, each house sugar. I was pleased to note that each house had its garden of fruits and flowers. But, as a rule, there were no great barns or even dwellings through the country, such as we have in Pennsylvania. Patches and fields of potatoes were seen all the way from Bremen Haven, but we travelled south and west for several hours before apple-orchards were common. Only sour cherries, plums, and the hardier fruits were grown at the far north. We passed several cities, as Uelzen, Salzwedel, and Standal, where there were big depots, and here coffee and lemonade were offered for sale by girls at stands, and trays of beer were brought out and peddled along the train by men. A newsman also came out carrying his whole newsstand, made of willow wicker-work, and filled with magazines, books and papers, well displayed.

Shortly after leaving Standal the sun sank behind the western horizon, leaving glints of gorgeous gold, from which rays of aurora spread out like a great fan, tinting the upper clouds with a marvelous halo of beauty, while the lower were edged with glittering gold. This scene was far—far in the west, but below was the huge panorama of Nature's great striped carpet, with the long rows of lovely trees, and in the distance the tall spires of the churches, where the village peasants met from time to time for prayer and praise and thanksgiving. Ah, the beauty of that evening scene in a distant foreign land! It thrills me with joy as I think of it, and of the delightful companionship in the little compartment of the rapidly-moving train. I treasure the picture and the association, for they will never be mine to re-

alize again

The shades of night now gathered over the landscape, and soon after, the rain began to fall in torrents, and thus we reached our destination a little before the midnight hour.

LaPark, Pa., Dec. 23, 1908. Geo.W. Park.

### MEADOW RUE.

HAVE been in few localities where this native blooming plant is not plentiful, and I am so fond of it that its absence always makes me feel that the locality is an unfavorable one generally for growing things. Meadow Rue blooms in June and July, and I have seen some specimens blooming in May, also as late as August. In fact, its blooming period is not as well defined as that of some native plants. Its Fern-like leaf, and fine creamy white bloom express refinement and delicacy, so much so that I often feel like putting the bloom to my lips as I would some delicious confection. I am sure no other native plant surpasses it in this respect. Its favorite or natural haunts are low, damp meadows, but it develops well in dry, exposed situations, also in partial shade. I frequently find it blooming along sluggish streams, where blooms the Canadian Lily, and they act as a charming foil for each other. I have it in my garden of native plants close to a clump of Asclepias Incarnata, and they appear quite at home with each other.

I have observed that when Meadow Rue grows among tall plants, it makes a decided effort to get above them, and succeeds without loosing its individuality. I saw a specimen once that waved its banners triumphantly above an eight-foot fence, and excited the admiration of many people who passed that way. I observed that some who had admired it greatly, ceased to do so the moment they learned that it was a native plant. Had they been told that it was a rare plant from Japan or India, their admiration would have increased the more. I once gave a lady a clump of Helenium and New England Asters from out my collection of native plants. She admired them so much! Not seeing them in her garden I asked if they had died, and her reply was characteristic of some peoples' love for flowers: "Yes, they died after I pulled them up and threw them into the street. My butter woman says they are common weeds out her way, and I don't want any such stuff in my garden." This she said in a tone of voice that indicated deception on my part when I gave them to her, but I did not defend myself or argue the matter with her, as she suddenly fell so low in my estimation as a flower lover that I beat a hasty retreat, glad to be out of her very presence. I suppose we should be patient with farmers for not admiring blooming plants that encroach too much upon their lands, as their point of view is quite different from townspeople, who only have a small plot of ground to work, and that for pleasure rather than profit. E. H. Norris.

Erie, Pa.

To Avoid Worms.— Use a little soot in the water used on house plants, and stick two or three unburnt sulphur matches in each pot, and you will not be bothered with worms. Wagoner Co., Okla.

P. Sisson.

## HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUM.

HE hardy Chrysanthemums flourished the past summer, even though it was the dryest we have had for years. My plants now, October 5th, are looking their best. I have twenty different shades, and want all the early shades I can get. I hope those who grow these lovely autumn flowers will report their successes and failures, with their various methods of treatment.

I find the plants set near to a wall or buildings do far better than those growing in the open. Why is it? Some bear five flowers so close together that at a little distance they appear as one four-sided flower. One plant I have, some years bears brick-colored flowers



and other years pretty-colored ones. The young plants from the roots are the same. I mulch with hen manure and wood ashes, and have put a good bit of sand in the bed.

This morning a neighbor sent me a bouquet of her Chrysanthemums, and many of them are as full and perfect as those grown under glass. One was lavender-pink, one cream, and one incurved white. I have some the size of a silver dollar, of various shades, and quite double; others the size of a dime, double and of many colors. Some are semi-double, and not so pretty, but give variety in a collection.

Alliance, O., Oct. 5, 1908. X. Y. Z.

Protecting Pansies.—Late in the fall carefully cover all the bare stalks of Pansy plants, and they will winter nicely.

Mechanicsburg, O. Jane B. Wing.

## THE IRIS DISEASE.

HAVE had trouble with root-stock rot of the Iris. The disease is described in the "First Report of the Botanist", of the Connecticut Agricultural Experment Station. New Haven, Conn., for 1903. This report is to all interested citizens of Connecticut who apply for it, and is very valuable, as it describes and treats the more important diseases of the plants of Connecticut, - the flowers, vegetables and fruits. It says "In one of the nurseries, last season, Root-stock rot was common on Iris Germanica and I. cristata. Apparently the disease had been greatly aggravated by burying the root stocks too deeply when transplanted that spring. The wet season too, was favorable for the development of the trouble, which, according to the manager, was unusally severe. The root-stocks were rotted off by a wet bacteria rot, which, sometimes extended up into the base of the outer leaves. Apparently this is the same disease that has recently been described from Germany. Dr. Van Hall, who studied the disease there, found three organisms associated with the rot, of which Bacillus omnivorous was apparently the chief."

Wet weather, no doubt, helps the trouble, Wet weather, no doubt, helps the trouble, and deep planting may, but that is not the cause, as my beds, which were not planted too deep, and plants of others in town which had not been disturbed for years, were all rotted to pieces, the outer leaves dying, and the plants producing fewer flowers. I had a large bed of blue Iris that was badly affected, which I replanted in the same place, discarding everything but the plants or portions of the clumps that were least affected. No doubt it would have been better to have planted in an would have been better to have planted in another place, in fresh soil, but I did not desire to do this on account of location, the bed being so showy where it was. It seemed to recover, and was a mass of bloom, but this year cover, and was a mass of bloom, but this year the disease was noticeable, and the flowers fewer, perhaps partly due to the plants be-coming crowded enough to need transplant-ing. It seems to about equally affect the differ-ent colors, none being wholly immune. There seems to be nothing that you can do but trans-plant into fresh soil, and perhaps see that none but well-rotted manures or commercial none but well-rotted manures or commerical fertilizers are applied to the beds, as I think this would aggravate the trouble. All the Iris I have seen were on rich, sandy loam on up and. How the plants are affected on low land and borders of brooks, as some plant them, I cannot say. I do not think winter protection is of but slight benefit, as far as the disease is concerned. Of course it helps to preserve the strength of the plants, but I cover my Iris with evergreens, as they are on a sloping hill-side facing the north, and they seemed to be as bad as any not protected.

Southington, Conn., Oct. 25, 1908.

[Note.—Here in Pennsylvania the Iris disease described, is not known, and the various species of Iris are free from both diseases and pests. Those who get Iris should avoid purchasing in affected districts, to keep clear of the disease. Those who are troubled with the disease would perhaps find relief by treating the soil with a liberal dressing of lime and sulphur, stirring it into the upper surface. -Ed.7

## DAHLIA EXPERIENCE.

S I wished to earn a few spare dollars. the thought came, why not sell some of your flower bulbs? Accordingly I made a speciality of Dahlias, but sold a few perennials and hardy bulbs. The first year I sold about forty dollars worth. The next year I planted six hundred Dahlias. When they were in blossom I used the flowers to take orders from. I sold that year something over eighty dollars worth. The next year I sold something over fifty dollars worth, making a total in the three years of over one hundred and seventy dollars that I had received from my flowers.

My Dahlia-fleld was a thing of beauty, and



DAHLIAS.

many came from a distance to see it, and financially it paid. To keep the Dahlias over winter, I let them in the ground until the frost has destroyed the tops, then cut the stems off six or eight inches from the tubers, take up the clumps on a bright day and dry the soil thoroughly that adheres to the clumps. Then I store them in a dry cellar that is frostproof, hanging them up or putting them on hanging shelves, where they will not get broken. I never had much success in growing Dahlias from seeds. Bulbs are far more satisfactory, with me. Mrs. W. F. Ames. Orleans Co., Vt., Nov. 27, 1908.

Dahlias .- I had fine Dahlias in September from tubers set in the spring. These Dahlias were raised from seeds two years ago. I keep them through the winter by storing in paper sacks, and placing where they will not freeze, then setting out in the spring in loose, rich soil. During the drought I watered them occasionally. They rewarded me with lovely blossoms in September. I want to get a greater variety of colors, and shall get them from seeds. I consider them very easy to grow.

Mrs. Martha Clark. Cuyahoga Co., O., Nov. 12, 1908.

#### OUR FALL WILD FLOWERS.

HE delicate shades of the spring flowers, the light blues, pinks and white, are familiar to all those who wander forth in search of Nature's beauties. Nearly every one is acquainted with the harbingers of spring, but how few know how bounteous Nature is in her gifts to the summer and fall seasons. Perhaps she is more lavish to the former than to the latter. What the latter lacks in numbers is made up in the brilliant display of color. This season, as if preparing us for the dull, cold, dreary winter days that are to follow, puts on the gayest garb of the whole year. The bright yellow of the Goldenrod, the purple of the Aster and Camphorplant, and the golden yellow of the Sunflower are rivals for supremacy in their brilliant display.

While the other seasons have been pouring forth their beauty and fragrance, the fall flowers have been gathering strength, and are characterized by a sturdy growth. They are found along the roadside, in every fence corner, and almost every nook, and in the open field; and they gladden the heart of every passer-by, and make them feel that life is

worth living.

Dear, gay, fall flowers! Thy mission is fulfilled, and thou art at rest; but thou hast left with us this lesson, that each one has a place to fill in this great world.

Chicago, Ill. Katie M. Roads.

My Lantana.-I purchased a Lantana six years ago, and it has bloomed three-fourths of the time every winter since. I keep it in a bracket about half way up, in a south bay window, where it gets lots of sun. When the plant becomes too large for a six-inch pot, I start a new plant from a cutting in the spring, and set the old plant out in the yard, where it blooms and blooms all summer. My plant this winter is in a five-inch pot, and has three clusters of flowers and about a dozen of buds. The flowers on first opening are a lovely yellow, but change to pink as they grow older, and a cluster of bloom will often show two or three colors at the same time. No insect bothers it, and I think it is grand for winter.

J. S. Bracewell.

Wayne Co., Ia., Nov. 23, 1908.

Starting Palm Seeds.— Palm seeds will bear some scraping, that is, the large, rough seeds; but never scrape quite all the black off. Weeping Palm seeds can be treated the same as Canna seeds, by filing, or soaking in warm water for twenty-four hours. They must all be kept warm to sprout early. It took some of mine three months to germinate. I had an idea I did not keep them warm enough. There has been so much said about their treatment after sprouting, that I think there is no need of telling it again.

Mrs. G. W. Hanks.

Quay Co., N. Mex., Nov. 7, 1908.

### SOME FINE FERNS.

TERIS Tremula Smithiana, a crested form of the well-known Pteris Tremula, has large, deep green fronds, the ends crested and tasseled, forming tufts unique, but fine and very much admired.

Blechium Braziliensis, is a fine robust
Tree Fern from Brazil; the young leaves
are a rich wine color
finally turning a dark
green; trunk slender, forms large speimen plants; is
showy and very
graceful. Nephrolepis Davallioides
Furcans is a fine



decorative Fern with the ends of the leaves curiously divided and crested, a real beauty, from Java, and a strong grower. Pteris Tremula, a New Zealand species well-known in most greenhouses, is easily grown; the slightest movement of the air shake the leaves of this plant. The fronds are about two feet high, fine for cutting. Adiantum Cuneatum, the Maiden Hair Fern, is a choice Fern, graceful and fine. Crytomium Falcatum is a fine house Fern, grows two feet high, dark green, glossy fronds, very showy and easily grown.

Jennie Spencer.

Marion Co., Ill.

Dahlias from Seeds.— My experience in raising Dahlias from seed is to sink a box in the ground the depth of the box, in a sunny situation, and fill the box with very rich, loose dirt. Sow the seeds thinly, and keep covered if the weather is cold. As soon as the plants have four leaves, transplant to a well-prepared bed. If dry, water them. They will bloom freely from the first of August until killed by frost. The roots can be taken up and kept in a frost-proof cellar, or if the winter-is not too severe, may be left in the ground, covered with boards. They may also be raised in a box in a stove room very successfully.

Mrs. S. E. Hagy.

Washington Co., Va., Nov. 6, 1908.

Geraniums. — One of my hobbies is Geraniums. I have about eighty plants, large and small. Some now in bloom are very beautiful, the flowers being a great improvement over those of long ago. I have collected them from all over the United States. The collection has given me great pleasure.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Me.

Phlox, Poppies and Larkspur South.—Now let me give some advice. You southern flower-lovers, try planting your Phlox, Poppies and Larkspur in the fall, and see if you will not have flowers earlier and finer.

Miss E. B.

Boerne, Tex.

### EXPERIENCE WITH FIGS.

WANT to tell you about my Fig Tree. I keep it in the cellar in the winter. It stands about four feet high. I raised it from a tiny sprout. The fruit begins to form in March, before the leaves appear; then I take it upstairs, where it is a little warmer. It has had two crops this year. I never knew them to have more than one crop. I set the tree out too soon in the spring, and the first crop of forty-three figs all fell off but six, and then the tree began to grow. As I did not want the tree to get any larger I pinched off all the points that had started to grow, and to my surprise it set another crop of some forty figs, which are now getting ripe. Could you tell me how to treat the ripe fruit with sugar, to make it Mrs. E. C. M. eatable?

Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 27, 1908.

[Ans.—The fresh-pulled figs are stewed and sugared to suit the taste, or made into preserves in the same manner as other fruit is preserved.—Ed.]

### ACRES OF VIOLETS.

"Of all the beautiful pictures
That hang on memory's wall,
Is one of the dim old forest
That seemeth best of all."

How many have read those lines? But my forest was not so dim that the sun could not flicker through and see a dozen happy schoolgirls picking Violets—yes, Violets! Ten acres of them! So thick on the ground that you would be obliged to crush hundreds in order to walk. Many bouquets were picked only to be thrown away to make room for others, and finally these were thrown away, too, and all search for variegated Violets. Many dinnerpails were filled with roots of choice varieties, which even now bloom near the fence at the old home.

K. T.

Barry Co., Mich., Oct. 4, 1908.

P.S. My dear Violet forest is now a dense nettle patch. The story is quickly told—cow pasture.—K. T.

Branching Asters.— These are among the finest of Asters, growing two feet high and branching freely. The stems are very long, each bearing but one blossom, large, with incurved petals like a Chrysanthemum. Colors are rich purple, white, lavender and flesh-color. They should be planted, not too close together, in a sunny situation in rich ground, and given plenty of water.

Lillie Ripley. Erie Co., Pa., Sept., 29, 1908.

Date Palms from Seed.—Has anyone tried to raise pretty Date Palms from seed? It is very easy only the plants grow very slowly. You must first soak the seeds in water until twice their ordinary size, then plant them. It takes about three years for the plants to show their Palm character. A. G.

Savannah, Ga.

## DESTROYING ANTS.

AST spring I planted seventy Roses, and for a while they grew vigorously. Then, all at once, the leaves of one began to get yellow. I looked for all kinds of insects on the foliage, but could not find a thing. So, I began to dig for grub worms about the roots, as they are very bad here in the south, and to my surprise, after getting down to the main roots, I found a nest of ants. My heart almost failed me, for this was my best Rose, I tried every remedy I ever heard of-sulphur, insect powder, London purple, lime, etc., but the ants seemed to increase by hundreds, and were climbing every stem and spray on the bush. All the foliage was gone by this time. and I thought my Rose would die. Then I mixed two tablespoonfuls of Paris green with one of sulphur and applied it over the nest and roots, stirring it in. The plant soon recovered, and has been thriving and blooming splendidly ever since. Mrs. H. A. Bindges.

McLennan Co., Texas, Sept., 20, 1908.

Renewing a Pansy Bed.-A Pansy lover utilized an old washing-machine box. which was large and deep, for her pets. As early in the spring as the weather would permit, she filled the box with sandy loam mixed with well rotted manure from the barnyard, and set out a dozen thrifty, young plants. They gave a fine display of blossoms in the earlier part of summer, but during the heat and drought of August the plants grew "scraggly", and the flowers were small. The soil had settled in the box so that there was room for two inches of fresh dirt. This was carefully worked in around the roots, and a good supply of water given. The plants took a new lease on life, and in spite of the heat of early September, gave a splendid return of blossoms.

Parke Co., Ind.

Chrysanthemum Treatment. -Last fall when my Chrysanthemum, which is a double yellow, stopped blooming, I cut all of the old branches off close to the roots, and then set it with my other plants in a cool room. Toward spring I fed it a little, and at Easter it was full of handsome yellow blossoms, and helped to decorate the church. soon as it was done blooming then, I cut it back again, and now, Sept. 18th, it is budding again. I also stuck the branches I cut off in the ground, and have now another large clump to bloom this fall. If others, like myself, are not able to buy all the plants for spring blooming that they would like, please try my plan, and make your Chrysanthemums do Mrs. F. M. Young. double duty.

Penobscot Co., Me., Sept., 18, 1908.

## TREATMENT OF FUCHSIAS.

FRIEND has a fine collection of Fuchsias. Small plants were obtained in April and set in four-inch pots in an equal mixture of leaf-mould, sandy loam and cow manure. They were only three inches high at first, and stood still, making roots for two weeks, then began to grow. They occupied a shelf on the banister of a northeast porch, so did not get much sun, a condition that Fuchsias like. In six weeks the plants averaged fourteen inches in height. The tops were then pinched out to make the plants branch, which they certainly did, for they were soon a foot in diameter. Then the lovely

buds began to come. The first to bloom was Trophy, which had dark red sepals and a beautiful blue corolla. Madam Bruant had the largest flowers, but bloomed sparingly. Bride of Orleans, compact and symmetrical in growth, produced the finest double white flowers, and was free-blooming. Trailing Queen, a drooping sort, is of robust growth, and of easy culture, the branches often reaching four feet in length, clothed with deep green leaves ribbed with red; the flowers, borne in clusters at the tip of the branches, were large, with crimson tube and sepals and a violet corolla changing the second day to crimson. Storm King, fine double white; Wave of life, with yellow foliage; and Little Beauty, a perfect gem, only six inches high, were all distinct and beautiful. Many

other varieties were in the collection, but none finer than those named. When the buds began to appear,my friend gave liquid manure every two weeks till the blooming season was past.

In mid-summer we noticed the flowers were falling off as soon as they opened, and sometimes before, and soon the plants stopped blooming. Looking carefully, we found the under side of the leaves was literally covered with little white insects. By careful picking and frequent spraying these were banished, and the plant seemed to take a new lease of life. They bloomed and bloomed, until put into winter quarters.

Subscriber.

Knox Co., O.

### GARDENING ON PAPER.

O any of the readers of Park's Magazine ever do any gardening on paper, I wonder? If you do not, you miss a lot of fun, for it is a real pleasure to plan a garden of any sort, either for flowers or vegetables. The result is so much more satisfactory than if done in a "hit or miss" way, that I heartily advise you to try it.

The first thing to do is to decide what best suits your individual taste. There is such a wide range of beautiful things in shrubs, house plants, bulbs, annuals and perennials, that few people can have all of them, so its wise to choose a few good ones, and have them do the best that good plants and good care will allow. Then study catalogues as to

where you can get good plants the cheapest, for the money problem is like the poor, "with us always".

Last year I bought several bulb collections and enjoyed their bright blossoms so much in the early spring before there were any other flowers, that I am getting all I can afford this year, and expect to keep on doing so from year to year until my wants are satisfied—if that happy time ever comes. I did not know just where I want-

ed them last year, so put them out in a sort of hap-hazard way, but after planning and figuring and doing a vast deal of paper gardening, I have decided to have a little formal "Dutch" garden—not that I know the least little bit about what kind of gardens they have in Holland, but because it is is to be filled with Dutch bulbs, and it to be an attempt at formal gardening, because I think that style will best suit these stiff formal flowers.

Bulbs are so eminently satisfactory because they bloom, many of them, before other flowers can even be planted; they are rightly called "the harbingers of Spring".

Fairfield, Ia. Margaret Flint.

Nicotianas. — My seedling Nicotianas grew rapidly, after they started to grow, and began blooming the last of August. As the flowers do not remain open long in the hot sunshine I shall set the plants another year in a shady bed, and in a protected place, as wind, as well as sun are injurious to them. I think they are very pretty and showy, and I trust the sisters will try them next summer. They are easily started, if good seeds are sown.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Me.



FUCHSIA.

### PORCH VINES AND PLANTS.

HAVE my porch covered with vines every season. The plants require to be started early, and given good, rich soil to get the best results. Provide good support. As strings may break, I use wire netting between the posts. Hall's Honeysuckle is a hardy, vigorous plant, almost evergreen, and grows fine either in sunshine or shade. It has sweetscented flowers, and makes a good thick screen of foliage for shade.

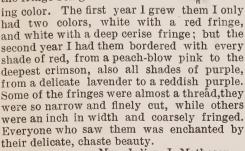
I use many annuals. The Wild Cucumber is an early and rapid grower, reaching the height of 15 or 20 feet. The seeds should be planted in the fall where the plants are to

Plant boxes and hanging baskets add much to the loveliness of a porch. The boxes should be eight inches deep and twelve inches wide. and as long as the space will allow. Paint them some pretty shade, say green. Put a laver of little stones in the bottom for drainage. then fill with rich soil within one inch of the top. Set plants six or more inches apart, according to size. I think one or two kinds appear better than a mixture. Last year I got seeds of Pansy, Double Portulaca and Carnation; all grew, and gave perfect satisfaction. They are all good to plant in boxes. Sweet Alyssum is also pretty planted along the edge Mrs. I. W. Hines. to hang over.

Parsons, Kan., Dec. 10, 1908.

The Admiral Poppy. - My first experience with this Poppy was from a mail package of seeds sent me two years ago by

Mr. Park. They are shaped like a single Tulip, grow on long stiff stems, and the foliage is a silvery green. The flower itself is white, and the edge of each petal is fringed, the fringe being of a contrast-



Mrs. Julian J. Matheson. Bennettsville, S. C., Dec. 10, 1908.

Moonflower. - I grew a Moonflower in a large pail and trained it to the pillars of the south porch, crossing it from one to the other. It was lovely, and the admiration of all who saw it. I enriched the soil occasionally with a fertilizer made by leaching old cow-chips till the liquid was the color of weak coffee. The plant needs lots of water. M.J. Houxhurst.

Sauk Co., Wis., Dec. 10, 1908.

#### DESTROYING MOTHS.

MR. EDITOR:-ENCLOSE a clipping upon the subject of destroying moths. My mother has for years destroyed many moths by placing a lighted lantern in the center of a large dish of water. The moths are attracted by the light, fall into the water and are drowned.

Walworth Co., Wis., Nov. 17, 1908. Lois. Uittau, Germany, Aug. 8.— The Saxon authorities have discovered what would seem to be an excellent way to put an end to the caterpillar plague, which is having such a disastrous effect on the local forests. They have discovered a method to catch the brown moths that lay the eggs from which the caterpillars come in enormous quantities. They make use of what they call the electric light trap. This consists of two large and powerful reflectors placed over a deep receptacle and powerful exhaust fans. The whole has been erected on the top of the municipal electric plant. At night two great streams of light are thrown from the reflectors on the wooded mountain-sides half a mile distant. The moths, drawn by the brilliancy, come fluttering in thousands along the broad rays of light. When they get within a certain distance of the reflectors, the exhaust fans, with powerful currents of air, swirl them down into the receptacle.

On the first night three tons of moths were caught. It has been decided to build another trap on the Rathaus tower. Walworth Co., Wis., Nov. 17, 1908.

Rathaus tower.

Starting Cannas. - As I have had good luck starting Canna seeds, I will tell the floral friends how I manage. I take a plate, cover with cotton flannel, place the Canna seeds on this, and over all place another piece of cotton flannel. Then I wet all thoroughly with soft, warm water, and invert a plate over, fitting it closely. Then I set it in a warm place, and in two or three days the sprouts will appear. As soon as well sprouted I plant in good earth and keep in a warm, light, airy place, covering the box with a pane of glass till the plants start. Last spring I treated eleven seeds and ten sprouted. These were planted and I raised ten fine plants. The seeds were five years old. I kept them wet all the time, both in sprouting and after putting in Mrs. Andrew Taylor.

Hyde Co., S. Dak.

Concerning Dahlias. - I am very successful in raising Dahlias from seeds. I sow the seeds in a box of chip-dirt just as I do tomato seeds, and give them the same treatment as I do tomato plants, placing them in a good, rich bed when a few inches high. After frost I drive boards in around each plant, letting them project sixteen inches, and fill in with fresh stable manure, then cover all with a liberal quantity of leaves. With this protection they survive the severest winter, and it is but little trouble to apply it. Mrs.J.W.R.

Jeff. Co., Tenn., Oct. 31, 1908.

Bedding Begonias. - I think the prettiest bedding plant I had during the past summer was a Red Vernon Begonia. I must have a large bed of this Begonia next summer. The plants are easily raised from seeds.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Me.



### THE MIRACLE OF BLOOM.

In a pot of earth I burried the bulb, An onioney looking affair,
And I set it away, in a cellar dark,
With no further thought or care.

Simply dirt, brown dirt, had I given to it, Out of which, such an one as I Could have made not a blessed thing on earth, But a blotch, or a fat mud-pie.

Weeks later I stubbed my toe on the pot, And, astonished, beheld a sprout, The onioney bulb, from its bed of dirt, Was, apparently, crawling out.

A window ledge, and an ardent sun, I gave as its just desert, And of water thought, and air forsoeth, So much had it made of dirt.

Today, in a golden jardiniere, With fragrance filling the room, Stands the marvelous wonder no mind can grasp, A glorious Hyacinth bloom. Kings Co., N. Y. Maude Meredith.

#### CHEERING.

Do you ever talk to your window plants When the ground is white without, And the wild wind-fairies scuttle and dance And carry the snow about?

Do you watch with delight the buds unfurl,
Or the little new leaves appear,
Or the delicate fronds of the fern uncurl,— And give them a word of cheer?

If you only will notice them kindly now,
When the earth is winter-locked,
And the empty nest on the Maple bough
By boisterous winds is rocked,—
And whisper to them that the spring will come,
With its glory of sun and dew,
They will thank you well though their lips be dumb
For the cheer will come back to you. Florence Josephine Boyce. Washington Co., Vt.

### SCENES OF CHILDHOOD.

I'm going back to the mountains,
The place of my boyhood days,
Where the song birds sing in the early spring
To the hope of dawning rays.
For I want to see the sun rise In all its purple glow,
Where the dew shines bright in the morning light, And the Morning Glories grow.

Back to the fields of Nature,
Where the flowers scent the air,
And the mellow light of the moon-lit night,
Is free from the gloomy glare.
To walk the trails of childhood
About the old red hill,
Where the trees all sway in their welcomeway,
And the splendor lingers still.
Dothan, Texas, Sept. 1908. Jackson Dunawa

Jackson Dunaway.

#### YELLOW LILIES.

The Lilies that blow by the meadow brook, Are golden with sunshine of summer days; We see in their eyes the glad, sweet look Of hearts contented in low by-ways. Cuyahoga Co., O. Grandmother.

#### ONE ROSE.

I have ne'er seen one rose for my bairnie's wee

grave,
An' my heart, it is sad all the day,
Tho' I look towards the sky while I try to be brave,

Sin' she went to her Hame fra away.

O, I dinna forget that she loved all the blooms, In the springtime the world was alight, And she sought in the fields for the sweetest per-

Of blossoms all starry and white.

Could some kindly heart ken the grief that I feel, An' gi'e one rose for her tomb,

The peace o' the deep to my bosom would steal,
An' the day would be shorn o' its gloom.
In the Gardens above, there are roses I ken,
An' she gathers the fairest for me,
But her grave is so lone that I'm longing again
One bud on her pillow to see.
Tioga Co., N. Y. Ruth Raymond.

### A SONG OF THE SOIL.

He who from day to day Cleaveth the soil, Plodding his weary way
Unceasing toil,
Shall mark his daily life;
And he shall see
At close of the strife
The yield To Be.

He who soweth the seeds In springs warm rays,
Shall trample the weeds
Ere harvest days.
To him long life shall be
A song of toil;
Defender of liberty,

Son of the Soil. Donohue, W. Va. Herbert P. McGinnis.

#### MORNING GLORIES.

The Morning Glories with heart-shaped leaves, Are up the trellis climbing, Their twining tendrils, a network weaves, Their flower-bells are chiming.

With royal purple, and coral reds, With tint of pearls of the seas, No king or queen with crowned heads, Have gems more pure than these.

O, Morning Glories, so shyly hiding Beneath your heart-shaped leaves, Your life is short, by law abiding, But your heart sweet virtue breathes. Cuyahoga Co., O. Grandmother.

#### AN ARBOR DAY WISH.

I plant this Maple tree to glad The warm heart of the spring, And only ask one little bird Upon its boughs may sing.

I only ask one little nest Within its arms be laid, But, O, I ask a hundred birds Seek shelter in its shade! Cumb. Co., N.J. Ina Lord McDavitt.

#### THE LAST OF AUTUMN.

The trees, bedecked with gold,
Bring falling leaves;
The corn shocks, gray and old,
Show garnered sheaves;
The frost, clear, glistening white,
Brings autumn drear;
The degree on leaved in wight The days, soon closed in night, Show fading year. Ritchie Co., W. Va. Herbert P. McGinnis.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I wish you could see three plants you sent me two years ago—Asparagus Sprengeri, Scotti Fern and Pierson Fern. The last would fill a wash-tub, and everyone says it is the most beautiful Fern they ever saw. I tell all where I got it. May you live to be 150 years old, for yours is a noble calling. I wish you and your sister every success in life. Your friend and subscriber for 15 years.

Lettie M. Maxson. scriber for 15 years. Lettic Cortland, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:-I want to tell you how much I approve what you say in the note in October under the heading "In Favor of Cats". God never intended any of His children to eat flesh, I am a vegetarian. I never eat flesh of any kind, and I know God blesses me for it. I have good health and enjoy life. May God bless and keep you is my prayer.

Yellowstone Co., Mont., Nov. 20, 1908,

Otaheite Orange.—Mr. Park:—I have an Otaheite Orange tree which I received from you one year ago, and it has now twenty-one buds and blossoms on it. Mrs. Jno. Colbect. Worcester, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1908.

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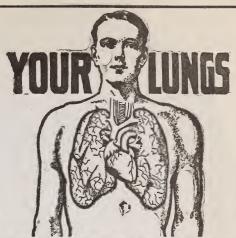
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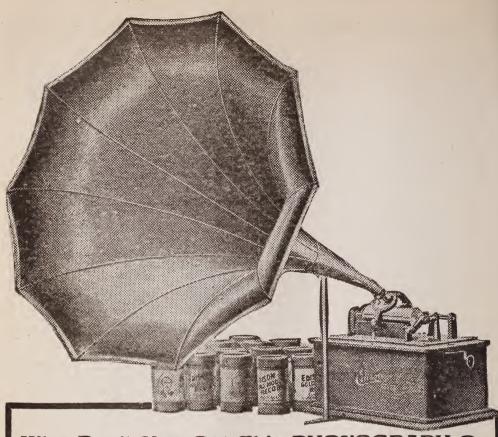
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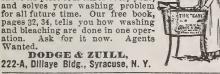
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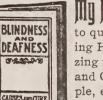
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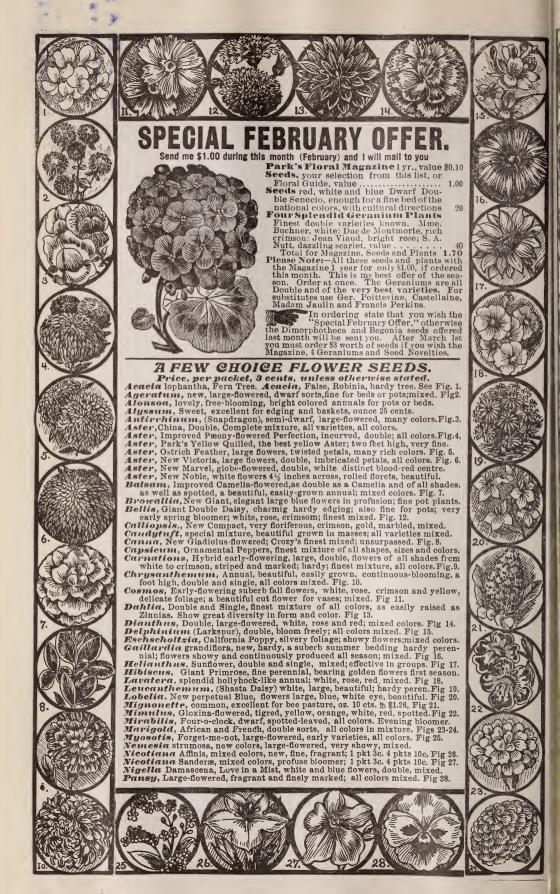
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